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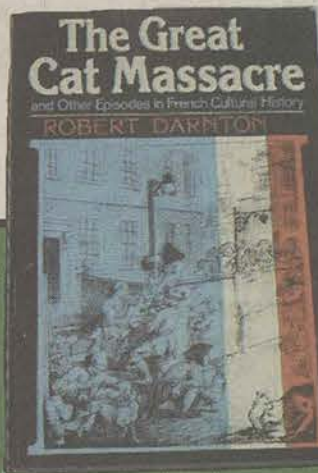
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## HISTORIAN, AUTHOR AT GSU

Princeton Professor Dr. Robert Dranton talked about his book and 18th century France

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# GSU professor Richard Persico dies

Special to the G-A

The Georgia Southern University and Statesboro community are mourning the death of Richard Persico, a long-time anthropology professor and active volunteer in area Scouting, mission work in underdeveloped countries and community programs.

Persico died Sunday at Memorial Health University Medical Center in Savannah. He served on the Georgia Southern faculty for more than 23 years.

An expert on a wide range of topics, from Southeastern Indians and Southern culture to primitive societies of South America, Persico was a lively lecturer well-known to local civic clubs and school groups, as well as the most prestigious professional societies in his field. He was instrumental in developing the Georgia Southern Museum and was one of the founding members of the long-running Portal Turpentine Festival.

An active member of Pittman Park United Methodist Church, Persico made numerous mission trips to Central America and other under-developed areas and worked locally to build homes for Habitat for Humanity. He was an Eagle Scout, serving on the staff of the Philmont Boy Scout Ranch in New Mexico and as a member of the Coastal Empire Council, and had spent more than 20 years as assistant Scoutmaster for Statesboro Troop 342.

Persico was popular with university students – many took every course he taught.

"He was the consummate teacher and scholar, and will be greatly missed by both his colleagues and his students," said Sociology and Anthropology chair Sue Moore.

"Teaching was his life's passion," said Roger Branch, former chair of Sociology and Anthropology. "He spent more of that important 'informal' time with students face-to-face than anyone I ever knew. He never backed down from technology challenges and would take on anything that would make him

a better teacher. He never taught classes the same way twice, always adding an extra wrinkle. He was always fresh."

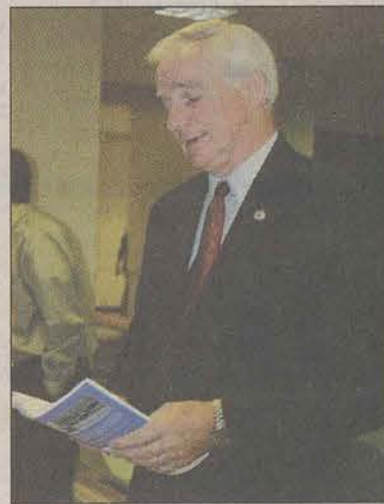
Branch added that Persico "did so much in the way of public service, it is hard to measure, but it was as rich and full as his teaching dimension."

In 1998 he received the University's Award for Excellence in contributions to instruction. A prolific writer and speaker, he was an invited participant in National Endowment for the Humanities programs, published more than a dozen works and presented scores of lectures to societies in his field. Professionally he chaired the anthropology section of the Georgia Academy of Science and was a councilor of the Southern Anthropological Society at the time of his death.

"Richard Persico's fusion of knowledge, intellectual verve, heart for students and wonderful wit was a rare and special gift to the university and the community," said President Bruce Grube.

# Max Burns visits GSU

Professor turned U.S. Congressman encourages students to vote



Hillary Jones/STAFF

Max Burns, a former GSU professor of Information Systems of 19 years, visited campus Monday to explain the importance of voting.

By Jessica Luber

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On Monday, Congressman Max Burns took time out of his busy schedule and visited with the students of GSU.

Prior to his days in Congress, Burns spent 19 years as a professor of Information Systems at GSU in the College of Business Administration. It was there that he was known as "Mad Max" or "Third Degree Burns."

Though Burns did not plan on making his home in Congress, he has showed his dedication to the people and their district. Congressman Burns was first elected to the U.S. Congress on November 5, 2002.

As a member of the House of Representatives from Georgia's new Twelfth Congressional District, Burns serves on the Agriculture, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Education and Workforce committees. Burns was also elected freshmen class president and serves on the Speaker's prescription drug action team.

Some of the major accomplishments of the House of Representatives in the 108th Congress that was supported by Burns include the passing of the Jobs and Growth Act which helped to create 1.2 million American jobs; the Child Medication Safety Act which prevents children from being forced to take psychotropic drugs; the Social Security Protection Act which helps to crack down on waste, fraud, and abuse against the program's most vulnerable intended beneficiaries; and the medical justice legislation which will help to improve the healthcare system and ensure access to quality care for patients.

Speaking for about an hour, Burns took many questions from students. These questions ranged from Defense and National Security to Medicare to the Pell Grant.

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# FLAVORFUL FUNDRAISING



Luke Renfro/STAFF

Kappa Delta Sorority hosted its annual War of the Wings yesterday to raise money for the prevention of child abuse. Eighteen local restaurants donated hundreds of wings to be taste-tested and judged by participants. More than \$5 million has been raised by kappa delta nationally since 1983 for child abuse prevention.

# Students prepare for graduation at fourth annual gala

By Natasha Hartry

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Seniors graduating Spring, Summer and Fall 2004 have the opportunity to finalize graduation plans at the annual Graduation Gala held on yesterday and today at the Nessmith-Lane Continuing Education Building.

Students are able to order their cap and gown, clear parking tickets and library fines, check on graduation clearances, order announcements and take portraits. They can also leave forwarding addresses, acquire job-searching strategies, and learn how to stay involved as alumni.

This is the fourth year that Graduation Gala has been held here at GSU.

Several tables are available to help assist students in their preparations for graduation.

"The Graduation Gala makes life convenient for graduating students," said Warren Riles, director of Career Services. "It's

convenient because it's all at one time. You can do it all under one roof," Riles said.

According to Riles, a high percentage of students have attended the Graduation Gala in previous years. He said that last year there were about 1000 students in attendance and the graduation class consisted of about 1300 students.

Pearl Middleton, recruitment coordinator for Career Services, advises students about Eagletrak and to update their resumes so that they may have a better chance at getting a job once they've graduated.

Degree Program Assistant Carol Sheehy said that since most students wait until the last minute to do things, she sees the gala as a positive thing.

"Most students haven't even ordered their cap and gowns or paid their graduation fees before they got here today," Sheehy said.

According to Sheehy, students are able to check their mailing

address and the spelling of their names to make sure that it is spelled correctly on their degree.

Several students felt that the Gala makes things easier for them and that it was beneficial by providing them with the opportunity to confirm their graduation plans.

Jeremy Gill, a Graphic Design major, said that he had only ordered a ring before the gala. "Everything is in one location. I didn't even know how much fees were until I got here," Gill said. "Being seniors, we're so busy and we don't have time to go to all the different buildings on campus trying to get these things done. It's very beneficial," Gill said.

McChel Little, who is graduating in May, said the gala was good because, it's one stop.

Little said that before the Gala, she only had her resume complete. She had not ordered her cap and gown or paid for

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## Weekday Weather

Wednesday



AM Showers

HIGH  
59°

LOW  
34°

Thursday



Sunny

HIGH  
68°

LOW  
38°

## Only in America

- New York woman thinks she's been caught on tape
- Georgia joyriders steal a car and take their own mugshots
- Florida firefighters find selves putting out their own fryer



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- Adam Brady wants to know where all the posters have gone
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- Golf finishes fifth in Puerto Rico
- Ricky Ray named Director of Athletic Marketing



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## Campus Calendar

March 10

### How to put a Burglar out of Business

1 p.m.

Learn tips on how to secure your apartment before leaving for spring break. Sponsored By Off-Campus Housing, 912 871-1435.

### Miss St. Patrick's Day Pageant Registration

This is the last day to submit applications to be a part of this pageant. No entry fee is required to enter the pageant. The pageant will be held March 13 at 7 p.m. at Benedictine Military School in Savannah. Any single female between the ages of 18-26 may apply. Applications are being accepted until 5 p.m. at 97.3 Kiss FM business office or at [www.97.3kissfm.com](http://www.97.3kissfm.com).

### Graduation Gala

10 a.m.

This event is for all Spring, Summer and Fall 2004 prospective undergraduates and graduate candidates. At this event students can check on graduation plans and pay graduation fees, order your cap and gown and announcements, order professional framing for diplomas, alumni information,

clear parking fines, library fees etc, speak with financial aid counselors, leave forwarding address with Postal Services, gather information about graduate programs and get assistance with your resume and job search strategy. At the Nesmith Lane Continuing Education Building.

### African Storyteller To Speak

5 p.m.

Chang'aa Mweti will speak on 'The Power of Storytelling in Education'. Mweti is an internationally known African storyteller. Mweti will also speak on Thursday at 10 a.m. At College of Education Room 1120 on Wednesday and in room 1207 of the Nursing/Chemistry Building, 912-681-1547.

March 11

### Investment Education for Women

6 p.m.

This event is a part of Women's Awareness Week and will be followed by Sexual Assault Prevention Talks, at 7 p.m. For more information on Women's Awareness Month. At Russell Union Room 2044, 912-681-5409.

## Police Beat

03-05-2004

- A piece of art was reported damaged at the Ceramics Studio.
- Officers issued two traffic warnings, assisted three motorists and responded to three fire alarms.

03-06-2004

- Officers issued three traffic warnings and assisted three motorists.

03-07-2004

- Jonathan Otarris Huff, 20, of 340 Williams St., Statesboro, was charged with DUI and passing in a no-passing zone.
- A case of harassment was reported at Southern Pines.
- A case of sexual battery was reported at Kennedy Hall.
- A laptop computer was taken from Southern Courtyard.
- Officers investigated one traffic accident and assisted one motorist.

03-08-2004

- Jacqueline R. LaFargue, 22, of Campus Club Apartments, Statesboro, was charged with DUI.
- A bicycle seat was taken from a bicycle at the Winburn Hall bike rack.
- A vehicle in the Veazey Hall parking lot was keyed.
- Officers issued two traffic warnings, investigated three traffic accidents, assisted four motorists and one sick person, and responded to one fire alarm.

- All Police Beat information compiled by Luke Hearn and Teresa Southern, News Editors.

## Campus News

### Martha Stewart thanks viewers, readers after courthouse meeting



Special Photo

Domestic goddess Martha Stewart.

NEW YORK - Martha Stewart thanked viewers of her television shows and readers of her magazines and Web sites for their support Monday, making her first public remarks since being convicted of lying about a stock sale.

"I just want to thank everyone for their support," Stewart said, just before she was driven away from a Manhattan courthouse where she met with a probation officer for about an hour.

Her meeting with a probation officer came on the same day as stock in her namesake empire continued to slide and the board of her company was gathering to discuss life without the domestic diva.

The board of directors of Stewart's company, Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia Inc., was to meet Monday to discuss her fate, according to a source close to the company who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Stewart was convicted Friday, along with stockbroker Peter Bacanovic, of lying about why she sold 3,298 shares of ImClone Systems stock on Dec. 27, 2001, just before it plunged on a negative report from government regulators.

Stewart was convicted of conspiracy, making false statements and obstruction of justice. Bacanovic was convicted of conspiracy, false statements, obstruction and perjury - but cleared of falsifying a document.

### Supreme Court will not rule in Boy Scouts discrimination appeal

WASHINGTON - The Supreme Court refused Monday to hear an appeal from the Boy Scouts of America over what the organization claims is discrimination because of its policy

against hiring gays.

The case revisited the gay rights fight surrounding the high court's ruling four years ago that the Boy Scouts have the right to ban openly homosexual scout leaders. This time, the question was whether states may treat the Scouts differently than other organizations because of that policy.

The Scouts asked the justices to hear a case from Connecticut, where officials dropped the group from a list of charities that receive donations through a state employee payroll deduction plan.

That's unconstitutional discrimination, the Boy Scouts argued.

The Boy Scouts are pursuing a similar court fight in San Diego, where the American Civil Liberties Organization is trying to end two leases which it says give the organization preferential treatment for use of city-owned park land. The Bush administration sided with the Scouts in the dispute last week.

A federal appeals court ruled last year that Connecticut did not violate the Scouts' First Amendment rights. The Connecticut policy was intended more to protect gays than to silence the views of groups like the Scouts, the court said in upholding then ruling of a lower federal judge.

### South Korean opposition to submit impeachment motion against President Roh



Special Photo

South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun.

SEOUL, South Korea - South Korean opposition parties plan to file an impeachment motion against President Roh Moo-hyun after he was found to have violated election laws with comments aimed at influencing parliamentary polls, opposition officials said Monday.

The opposition Millennium Democratic Party had said last week it would try to impeach the president if he did not apologize by Sunday for violating election laws during a news

conference late last month.

Roh has yet to do so.

Last week, the country's election watchdog ruled that Roh violated election rules with comments that could unfairly influence next month's parliamentary poll, although it found that Roh's infraction was minor.

Presidential spokesman Yoon Sock-joong said Roh's staff was preparing a defense should the motion pass.

Roh's office issued a statement calling for a revision that would allow him to express political views more freely.

A simple majority of the National Assembly is needed to introduce the impeachment bill, and a two-thirds majority is needed to pass it. If the motion is approved, the matter is passed to the country's Constitutional Court, where six of nine judges must rule against Roh to unseat the leader.

If Roh is dismissed from office, Prime Minister Koh Gun would serve as interim president. An impeachment motion against a South Korean president has never made it as far as the Constitutional Court.

### Foster mom loses Supreme Court murder appeal

ATLANTA - A foster mom who admitted shaking a young boy before he died will not get a new trial, the Georgia Supreme Court ruled Monday.

Angela Miller of Cherokee County is serving a life sentence for felony murder and cruelty to children for the 1997 death of her foster son, Jacob Miller.

Miller admitted shaking the 22-month-old boy and cursing at him, but told investigators that the boy knocked his own head on walls and his crib. Jacob later died of injuries to his head and spinal cord.

The woman asked for a new trial, saying jurors shouldn't have been shown disturbing pictures from the boy's hospital stay and autopsy.

The court unanimously disagreed.

"Graphic pictures of the badly injured body of a young child certainly carry the danger of undue prejudice. But, these photographs were relevant to issues before the jury," the court wrote.

The court also dismissed Miller's claim that she isn't guilty of felony murder because she testified that she didn't mean to kill Jacob. Justices pointed out that jurors did not have to accept her testimony as true.

- All News Briefs compiled from wire reports by Luke Hearn and Teresa Southern, News Editors.

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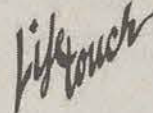
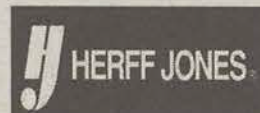
Tuesday, March 9, 2004  
10:00am to 6:00pm

OR

Wednesday, March 10, 2004  
10:00am to 6:00pm

- Check on Graduation Plans and pay your Graduation Fees
- Order your Cap and Gown and announcements
- Have your Portrait taken in cap and gown
- Order Professional Framing for your Diploma
- Check out how you can stay involved as an Alumni Member
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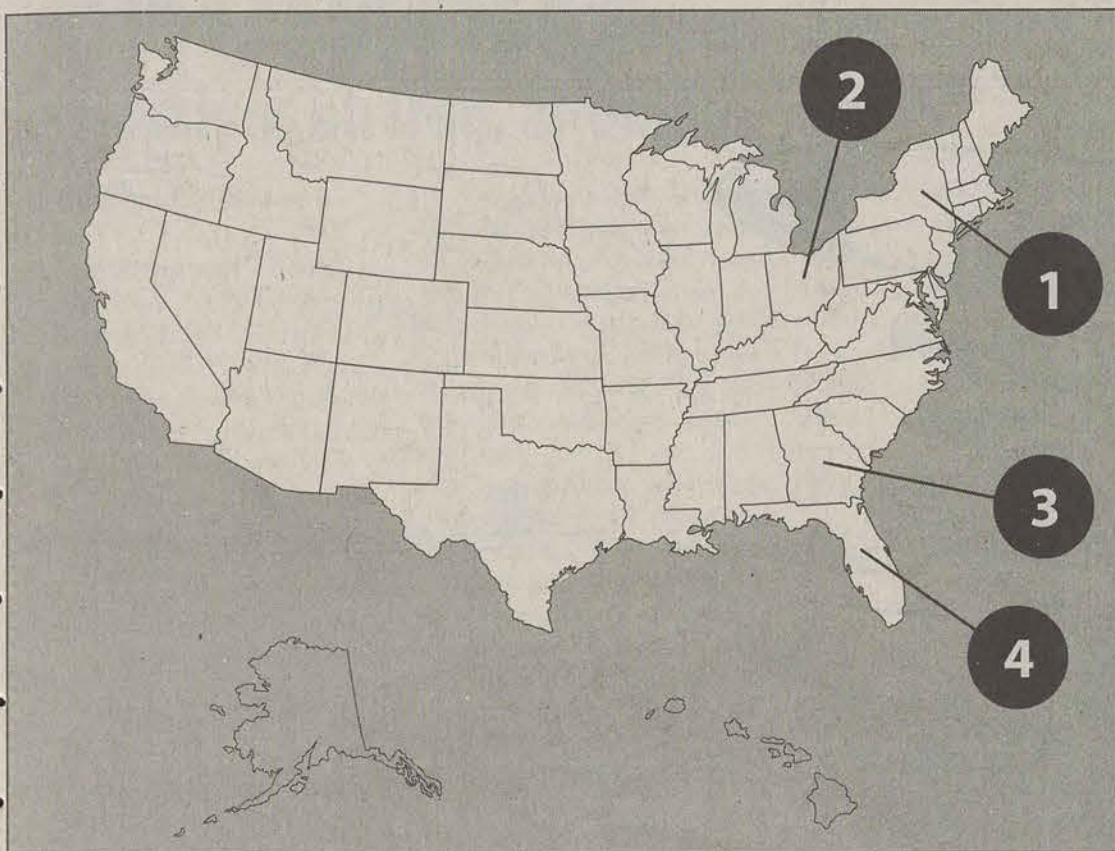


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## 1 New York

### Woman to file suit claiming she was caught on tape in dressing room

NEW YORK – A woman who says she was videotaped in a dressing room at Bloomingdale's department store will file a lawsuit against the store this week.

Carol Ketover, 60, will seek unspecified damages in the suit, to be filed in Manhattan Supreme Court, said her lawyer Sanford Rubenstein.

Ketover, a semi retired real estate broker, says she was inside a dressing room at the store Feb. 17 when she noticed a video monitor behind several shopping bags. She saw her partly nude body in the monitor and heard laughter coming from outside the room, she said.

Ketover put her clothes back on and ran out of the room humiliated,

she said.

Bloomingdale's spokeswoman Anne Keating said NBC's "Today" show had been taping at the store that day and had temporarily stored a monitor and camera in the dressing room.

"A mistake was made," she told The Daily News for Sunday editions. "We should have put a sign on the dressing room that it was closed. But the producer told me that the camera would only be working if someone was operating it."

## 2 Ohio

### Grand jury accuses man of blaming damage on highway shooter

CIRCLEVILLE – A man who authorities accuse of falsely blaming the highway shooter for damaging his father's minivan has been

indicted.

A Pickaway County grand jury on Friday indicted Richard A. Adams III, 33, of Circleville, on felony counts of inducing panic and making a false report and a misdemeanor charge of falsification.

Adams told investigators last month that a bullet struck the vehicle in an area where 24 highway shootings have occurred on Columbus' south side. He called 911 from his home in Pickaway County, about 30 miles south of Columbus.

Adams later told authorities he accidentally hit the van while target shooting but was afraid to tell his father, according to court documents.

Pickaway County Assistant Prosecutor Alan Sedlak said the felony charges were sought because the hoax triggered a law-enforcement response costing more than \$5,000.

The call prompted the task force investigating the shootings to dispatch a number of officers, police dogs and helicopters.

Each felony charge carries a pen-

alty of six to 18 months in prison and a \$5,000 fine. Adams is out of jail on bond.

## 3 Georgia

### Joyriding photographers take own mugshots

ATLANTA – Three robbers shouldn't have been too surprised when they heard their crime was caught on camera. After all, they took the pictures themselves.

Michael Lee Merritt, 18, Wendell Mackey, 20, and Darnell Robinson, 22, playfully took snapshots of themselves while driving around in a stolen SUV after robbing 35-year-old Eric Haney on Dec. 18, 2001. The three ambushed Haney at gunpoint outside his apartment, then went inside and took DVDs, a video game machine and clothes, police said.

After their joyride, the men unwittingly left the disposable camera in the car, helping police identify and track them down. In one of the photos, Merritt smiled smugly while wearing the victim's black leather jacket.

A jury convicted them last week of armed robbery, hijacking a motor vehicle, possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony, aggravated assault and a deadly weapon, false imprisonment and burglary.

"They basically convicted themselves," Fulton County prosecutor Chris Toles said.

## 4 Florida

### Firefighters fight own fire in fryer

MELBOURNE – Firefighters responding to emergencies here were in such a rush that they forgot to turn off

a fryer in their kitchen. So the next emergency call involved a fire that started at their own station.

No one was injured in the blaze Thursday, because all four firefighters working at the time were out responding to several calls.

A Cocoa Beach firefighter was driving past and saw smoke escaping from the firehouse and called 911.

The firefighters from Station 72

then returned to fight the fire at their own station.

The building suffered a combination of smoke and fire damage, and the battalion chief has asked the city for a live-in trailer for the firefighters. He said the fire was accidental and no one would be reprimanded.

"We're human and this kind of relays that to the public, that we're just as human as them and we make our own mistakes," said Battalion Chief Robert Apel.



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**Russell Union 2044  
Wednesday, March 10  
1:00 – 2:00 PM**



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**Monday  
March 8, 2004**

**Alcohol & The Sun**

**Russell Union  
Commons  
10am-1pm**

**Wednesday  
March 10, 2004**

**Spring Break Safety**

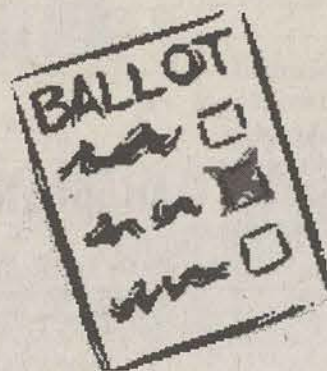
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## Student Government Elections



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from 5:00-6:00  
in Russell Union Room 2047.**

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At the Student Activity Center**

**If you have any questions please call:  
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# Our Opinion

## Take time to value those who give to our community

**W**e have suffered many losses this semester. The first was Dr. Jiann-Ping Hsu. Her death came just a few days after the school of Public Health, carrying her name, was officially dedicated. Dr. Hsu held key research positions in the world's leading pharmaceutical firms and became president of the Michigan-based Biopharmaceutical Research Consultants, Inc. (BRCI) founded by her husband, Dr. Karl Peace, a GSU professor.

More recently we lost Gordon Alston, a retiree of GSU from the Financial Aid Department. He was also a Bulloch County Commissioner, and very active within the community. He worked for GSU for 28 years. Alston was very active in his church, and was the first African-American commissioner to serve on the Bulloch County governing board.

Just this past Sunday, GSU lost long-time professor Richard Persico. He was a faculty member at GSU for 23 years and was very knowledgeable on a variety of different topics. His was also very active in the community, and worked closely with the Boy Scouts of America.

It took these university contributors Dr. Jiann-Ping Hsu, Gordon Alston, and Richard Persico to make students realize just how short life is.

These people should make us realize how important reaching out to the community is. It made each one of their lives more meaningful, and made their deaths hit us even harder.

Dr. Hsu conducted research and reviewed new drug applications, and also was a member of the Committee of Women Statistics in the American Statistical Association.

Alston reached out to the community by serving on the Bulloch County Commission and gave time to his church.

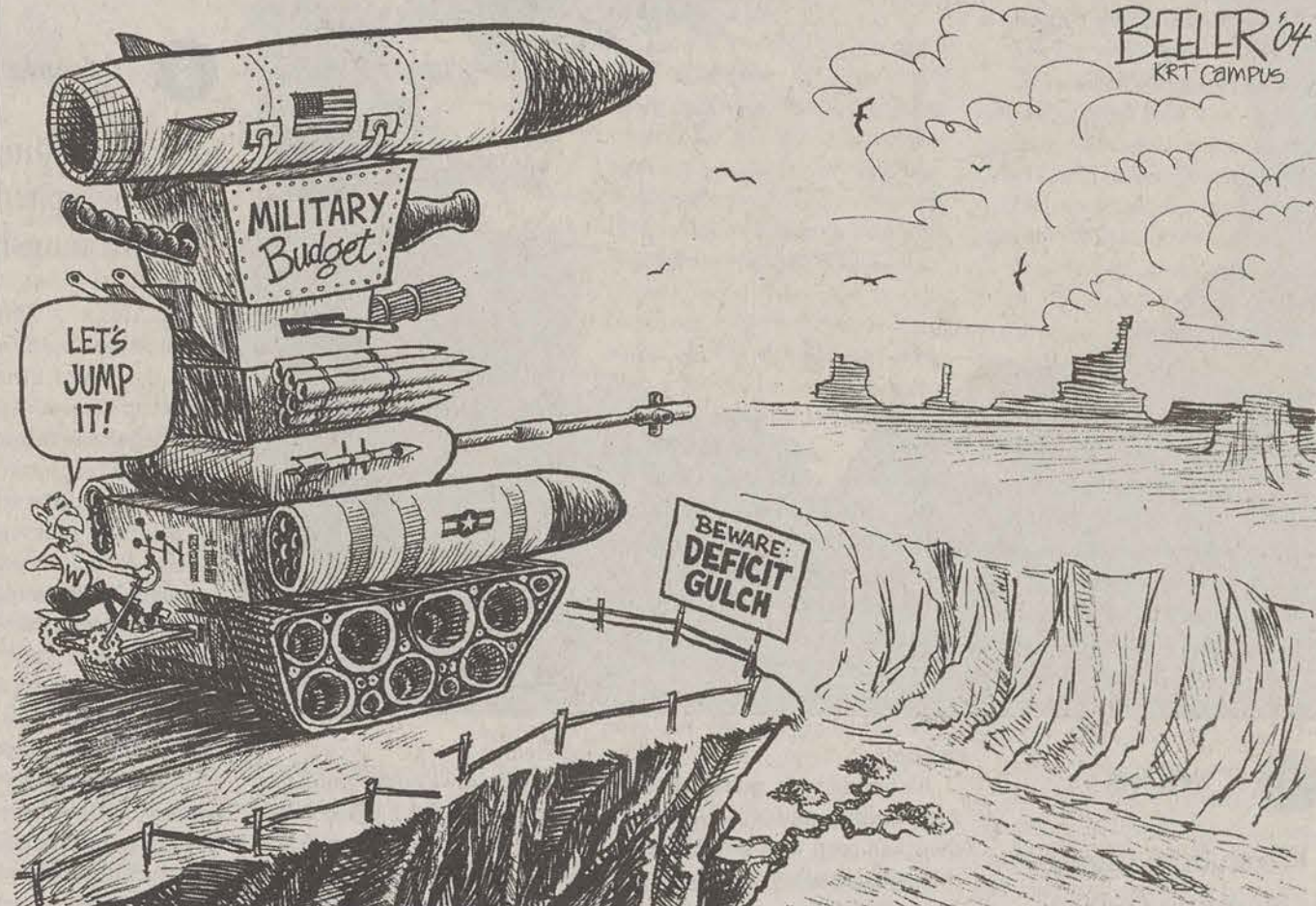
Persico was an active member of Pittman Park United Methodist Church, made numerous mission trips to Central America and other under-developed areas, and worked locally to build homes for Habitat for Humanity.

It is important that we recognize those who contribute to GSU. Whether it be a professor, administrator, or groundskeeper, it is important that we not take advantage of their hard work.

GSU is where it is today because of those who have gone before us and laid the foundation on which we now operate and use to move forward.

When we leave Georgia Southern, we should not only leave with a degree, but with memories of every professor here who taught us the classes that brought us to 125 credit hours.

Employees here are important to the university as a whole. Death, while ineludible, is always unexpected.



# Posting my complaints

**A**s I walked to class yesterday, I noticed a good number of flyers covering select walls, trashcans, and light poles.

This was somewhat strange to me, and I decided to take a closer look at the multi-colored patchwork of promotion. Not one or two or three were for events that had happened weeks before, but every single piece of paper's purpose was decidedly expired.

It might seem like a non-issue at first, but read on.

Two weeks ago – about the same time I remember seeing most of these promotional posters in question being placed – a good friend of mine and I set out to post a few flyers around campus in anticipation of the local music showcase Rockfest 2004 and the corresponding preview I was hosting on the radio show I DJ. (Writer's note: this story is not meant to be a shameless plug for Mixed Nuts Local Edition every Friday from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on WVGS 91.9 FM, but this writer's note is.)

We put them up around the Rotunda, Landrum, the pedestrian, the information booth outside of the Union and inside of Foy late Thursday afternoon. The idea was to simply gain a bit of exposure shortly before both events were to take place.

Unfortunately, I'm sure many of you missed these flyers before they were promptly torn down hours later.

Now if this had been the first time I'd experienced or heard of something of this nature happening, and those expired flyers fluttering in the wind yesterday had not have caught my eye, this is where the story would end.

However, this was far from the first time I've observed the removal of student-geared material from public areas on this campus. And after seeing Homecoming flyers still prominently displayed in the buildings and common areas throughout GSU weeks after the event, I think it's about time someone started posing some questions.

I've heard mixed reasoning behind what exactly is happening to the event advertising so carefully designed and painstakingly posted by GSU students throughout the campus. Obviously someone is taking down only certain flyers, and they're doing quite efficiently.

But who and why?

I can understand the removal of something publicizing a 40-kegger in Player's Club, but why should a poster giving information on a local band performing be considered inflammatory?

What about the student artist who wants to invite the campus to see his or her senior show? Club meetings, educational events, for sale notices – nothing is sacred in the eyes of this mysterious cleaning crew.

Well not everything.

Obviously those posters I saw today were not targeted for removal. And the plethora of



**Adam Brady**  
managing editor

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## Letter to the Editor

## An open letter of gratitude to the cast and crew of the 'Vagina Monologues'

**By Dr. Lori E. Amy**

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**I**t has been almost a month since the students in the GSU chapter of the National Organization for Women and ReVISION organized the February 10 and 11 performances of Eve Ensler's Vagina Monologues.

In the rhythm of an academic semester a month is a long time. Midterms are upon us, there are tests to take and papers to write, and over the course of a month, our attention shifts to new events. Nevertheless, I still find that, as I walk to classes, grab my lunch at Lakeside, or walk through the Union, people stop me to tell me how important the performance was to them. I'm still getting emails about the performance, and cast and crew members stop by to tell me that they, too, are still receiving praise for their participation in the National V-Day campaign. I am incredibly grateful for this continued affirmation of our V-Day production, and especially for the outpouring of support from the Georgia Southern Community.

Given the fact that the production of the Vagina Monologues has provoked controversy in other areas, Georgia Southern's overwhelming

show of support for our students and their work is especially important to me. Performances of the Monologues are part of the National Campaign to Stop Violence Against Women, and all of the money raised from the performances is donated to organizations working towards this end. The Monologues themselves are a passionate plea to change the social and cultural conditions structuring the kinds of violence to which women are routinely subjected. Not everybody likes the form this plea takes, though. Ensler insists that "the overall spirit of the play should be one of celebration and humor. The comedy in 'The Vagina Monologues' is what gives the piece its unique ability to enlighten the audience without preaching to them. The performances need to be brave, fierce, and funny. The actresses need to enjoy each other, enjoy the audience and shed their inhibitions – they should go for honesty, simplicity, and humor."

Some people are put off by Ensler's use of humor to confront something as serious as sexual violence. Some people are offended by some of the humor. In a few cases, those people have protested performances of the Monologues. Hence, we were not sure what

to expect when we decided to perform the Monologues at GSU. The incredible outpouring of support, affirmation, and encouragement from the campus and local community has thus been profoundly important to me and to the amazing young women who performed the Monologues.

Ensler insists on humor because she refuses to represent the women with whom she spoke and on whose lives the monologues are based as victims. As she says, "the women who were interviewed for this piece did not see themselves as victims on any level. If any of the monologues are delivered from a place of shame, self-pity or remorse they will counteract the message of the performance." While the Monologues chronicle the sometimes horrific violence these women have experienced, NONE of the women can be reduced to that violence. That is, their lives are rich and complex: the passion, joy, hope, and love they live are every bit as important as the traumatic violence they have known. Ensler thus refuses to represent the women on whose lives the monologues are based as victims, as broken, as objects to be pitied. Instead, she insists on their creativity, their spirit, their

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## Today around the world

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**On this day in 1975,** 'Rocky Horror Picture Show' opens at Belasco Theater in NYC for 45 performances.  
**On this day in 1862,** The United States issued its first paper money: \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, \$100, \$500, \$1,000.



## CIA director disputes Cheney assertions on Iraq, al-Qaida

By Jonathan S. Landay  
KRT Campus

WASHINGTON – CIA Director George Tenet on Tuesday rejected recent assertions by Vice President Dick Cheney that Iraq cooperated with the al-Qaida terrorist network and that the administration had proof of an illicit Iraqi biological warfare program.

Tenet's comments to the Senate Armed Services Committee are likely to fuel friction between the White House and intelligence agencies over the failure so far to find any of the banned weapons stockpiles that President Bush, in justifying his case for war, charged Saddam Hussein with concealing.

Tenet at first appeared to defend the administration, saying that he didn't believe the White House misrepresented intelligence provided by the CIA.

The administration's statements, he said, reflected a pre-war intelligence consensus that Saddam had stockpiled chemical and biological weapons and was pursuing nuclear bombs.

But under sharp questioning by Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., Tenet reversed himself, saying there had been instances when he had warned administration officials that they were misstating the threat posed by Iraq.

"I'm not going to sit here and tell you what my interaction was ... and what I did and didn't do, except that you have to have confidence to know that when I believed that somebody was misconstruing intelligence, I said something about it," Tenet said. "I don't stand up publicly and do it."

Tenet admitted to Sen. Carl Levin of Michigan, the committee's senior Democrat, that he had told Cheney that the vice president was wrong in saying that two truck trailers recovered in Iraq were "conclusive evidence" that Saddam had a biological weapons program.

Cheney made the assertion in a Jan. 22 interview with National Public Radio.

Tenet said that U.S. intelligence agencies still disagree on the purpose of the trailers. Some analysts believe they were mobile biological-weapons facilities; others think they may have been for making hydrogen gas for weather balloons.

Levin also questioned Tenet about a Jan. 9 interview with the Rocky Mountain News, in which Cheney cited a November article in the Weekly Standard, a conservative magazine, as "the best source of information" on cooperation between Saddam and al-Qaida.

The article was based on a leaked top-secret memorandum. It purportedly set out evidence, compiled by a special Pentagon intelligence cell, that Saddam was in league with al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden. It was written by Undersecretary of Defense for Policy Douglas Feith, the third-highest Pentagon official and a key proponent of the war.

"Did the CIA agree with the contents of the Feith document?" asked Levin.

"Senator, we did not clear the document," replied Tenet. "We did not agree with the way the data was characterized in that document."

## MONOLOGUES, FROM PAGE 4

to merely survive, their indomitable will to live. Hence, she offers us a message of hope, a praxis of pleasure and joy from which to craft new ways of being in the world.

It is easy to get people to pity a victim, to feel sorry for individual women suffering from specific acts of violence. It is not so easy to get people to look at the social and cultural conditions out of which those violences emerge. The Monologues demand not only that we look at the conditions structuring violence, but that we hear the powerful voices of women who refuse to live as victims, who instead rescript the personal, social, and cultural roles through which they were victimized in the first place. The mail I have been getting indicates that Georgia Southern really understood the intent of the Monologues. One young man wrote: "Masked in the play's comedy was an underlying message that couldn't go unheard. Besides all the humorous recollections and the hysterical reenactment of the different female sexual moans the play had a much more serious side. . . . The play was a way to give its observers the realization that women hadn't been heard. It was a graphic display that society hadn't refused to listen to women, instead society had taught them not to talk. It was this silencing of the female population that had inhibited women in ways only they could understand."

Another young man wrote: "Eve Ensler has written this production not for women alone, but for men as well. She wants everyone to be able to understand and discuss this body of work, because talking can bring about change."

And one of the many letters from colleagues includes these lines: "We are impressed by the performance, but also by the bravery and dedication of each of these women. To do this performance . . . takes a level of commitment that few possess. How proud we are to be associated with a University that attracts such students. They have reawakened our hope that the world can change for the better, and that there truly is a human family." They have stood up for something that is so RIGHT."

I, too, am proud of the work these students did, and proud to be associated with Georgia Southern. While we have had overwhelming support for the performance – for which I

am deeply, deeply grateful – I have heard some concern expressed about students selling the chocolate vaginas that V-Day campaigns use to promote the play and raise money in addition to ticket sales. For those people who did not see the performance, the important symbolic function of the chocolates might not be clear. Because the performance insists on humor, on the joy, hope, and possibility of women living fully in and owning their own bodies, the chocolates symbolize playfulness, fun, delicious-yummy-pleasure. They symbolically function to turn the shame, and, too often, pain that some women can feel about their bodies into pride and power. This transformation of the body's pain into possibilities for pleasure is perhaps most clearly represented in a monologue based on an interview with a woman living in the shelter system. This woman was raped when she was ten years old. When she was a child, she experienced her vagina as "a very bad place, a place of pain, nastiness, punching, invasion and blood. It's a site for mishaps. It's a bad-luck zone." And she was not the exception, she was the norm. In "hundreds of interviews with homeless women in the last thirteen years," Ensler found "only one woman was not sexually abused as a little girl or raped as a young woman." But, through the kindness and attention of a good sexual encounter, this woman was able to experience her traumatized body as "a kind of heaven." This is the point of the play, and the symbolic function of the chocolates: to turn our bodies, so frequently sites of pain and shame, into a kind of heaven.

On Friday, March 5, the officers of GSUNOW and ReVISION presented Pastor Mark Louderback, Chair of the Bulloch County Task Force on Sexual Assault, with a check for \$2,500.00 – 90 percent of the proceeds from the Vagina Monologues. The other 10 percent was designated for the National V-Day Campaign beneficiary, the Women of Juarez. These students have, as our colleagues said, "stood up for something that is so RIGHT." I am grateful beyond words for the courage, vision, and dedication these students – women and men – have shown.

To the Cast and Crew of the Vagina Monologues, to the students in GSUNOW and ReVISION, and to the Georgia Southern Community that supported them, THANK YOU.

## BURNS, FROM PAGE 1

According to Burns, there are a couple of things citizens should be doing. First, they need to get registered to vote. Georgia citizens can register by mail or when they renew your driver's license. Students may register to vote by filling out the appropriate forms at their school's registrar's office or from the office of the Vice President of Academic Affairs. Citizens should also be informed. It is crucial to be up to date on the latest political news. And finally when the time is right, get out and vote. Citizens need to exercise their constitution right to vote.

If you would like more information please contact John David White, Burns' campaign manager at johndavid@burnsforcongress.com, or contact Floyd Moon at pinkfloyd@hotmail.com.

## BRADY, FROM PAGE 4

"(Insert name here) for Queen" announcements and flyers covering campus last semester were left well enough alone. Some were even placed on top of already posted advertisements.

I understand that certain rules must be followed as far as appropriate material, and I also am fully aware of the requirements surrounding the posting of materials in buildings. But why is it that structures like the one in between the Union and the University Bookstore as well as the similarly built structure between Lakeside and Newton are prime targets for the poster bandits?

Perhaps the logical line I'm following in believing that an information booth is designed to spread information is flawed.

And it's hard for anyone to argue there's no discrimination in what's removed from an inappropriate place when certain signs remain after others are ripped from the same locations. Perhaps the whole idea behind the missing posters lies in keeping our campus as beautiful as possible.

I suppose leaving only the multi-colored flyers gives GSU a little more color.

Adam Brady is an award-winning columnist and managing editor of The George-Anne. He may be reached at that\_guy@stouthouse.org. He'd appreciate the certified regulations surrounding posting materials on campus if you've got them.

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## GALA, FROM PAGE 1

her graduation announcements.

"I didn't know all this was due. You should have money when you come," Little said.

Natalie Lambert is graduating in the summer. She said the only thing she had done was clear for graduation and nothing more.

"I don't have to go to all the different places on campus to pay for different

things," Lambert said.

Gill advises anyone graduating to attend the gala for their own benefit because it's there to help the students.

"It's important for future graduates to keep in mind the date for the Graduation Gala. Take advantage of the opportunity. It's for you," Gill said.

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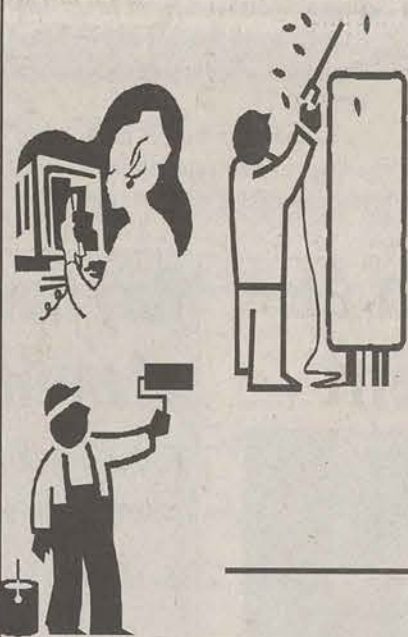
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## Mountaineers avoid sweep by the Eagles

By Matt Rapp  
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Georgia Southern got their conference season off to a nice start this past weekend taking two out of three games from Appalachian State.

The Eagles (7-10, 2-1 SoCon) won the opening two games by a rather convincing fashion, by scores of 20-2 and 11-7 on Saturday and Sunday, before the Mountaineers (1-12, 1-2 SoCon) took Monday's closer 7-6 to claim their first win of the season.

Brandon Long got things started on Saturday with a drive over the centerfielder's head for a run-scoring double. Greg Dowling followed with a double that reached the leftfield wall, bringing in Long for another run.

The Eagles really opened up the game in the fourth, loading the bases with no outs. Long then pulled a bomb over the rightfield wall for a grand slam. That wasn't the end of it, as Greg Dowling took one long to the opposite field for his fourth home run of the year.

Georgia Southern kept their bats strong and their defense tight throughout the game and earned the win with ease. The 20-2 victory was a nice beginning to the three-game series.

Sophomore John Carroll (1-2) allowed just one earned run over seven innings to earn his first victory of the season.

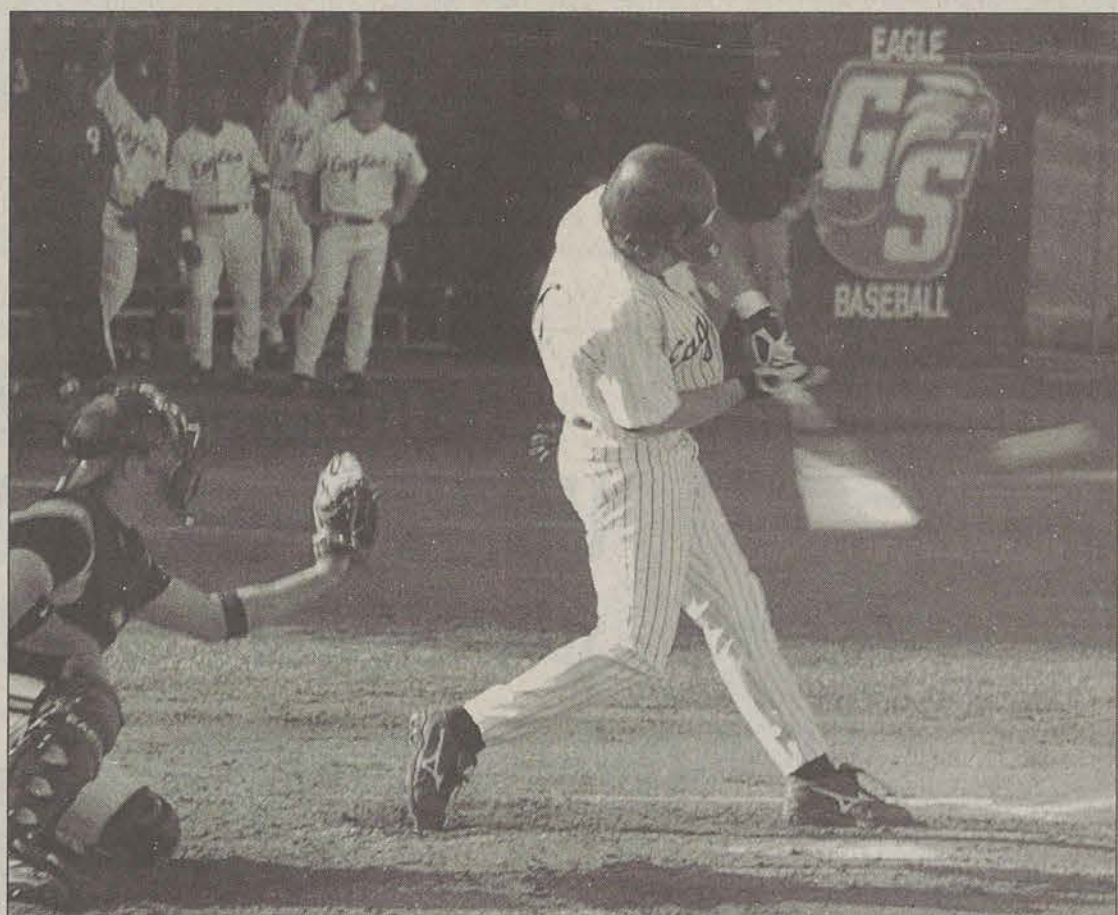
Pitcher Brian Harrison got the start for game two on Sunday. Things didn't start off quite the way they did the day before.

Appalachian State got off to an early lead after putting runners on the corners with a lead-off double and a textbook bunt. The Mountaineers were handed a run from an error by catcher Flint Wipke. But, after loading the bases, a timely third out stranded all three runners.

Two home runs in the third inning brought the Mountaineers lead to four runs, before the Eagles got into the game by scoring two runs in the fourth, catching a break with a close call at first.

Jason Hurst had a head-first dive at the plate off a passed ball to get the second run.

To settle things down in the fifth Harrison was pulled and head coach Rodney Hannon brought in freshman



Luke Renfro/STAFF

The Eagle baseball team gave Appalachian State their first win of the season, falling 7-6 to the Mountaineers on Monday at J.I. Clements Stadium. The game was a far cry from the two club's first two meetings, where the Appalachian State was humbled 20-2 and 11-7.

Everett Teaford.

Appalachian State grabbed another run off a single to shallow left, extending their lead back to three.

Things got interesting in the fifth when assistant coach Mike Tidick got tossed from the game. Unhappy with a call, and some unprofessional actions by the umpire, Tidick offered his glasses to the official, which resulted with an ejection and a suspension from game three of the series.

Immediately following the fiasco, a pumped-up Grant Burruss came up big with a rocket to right, tying the game at an even 5-5.

The Mountaineers scored twice in the seventh, but Georgia Southern quickly bounced back, as Greg Dowling went big to left, tying the game at seven.

Brandon Long then broke the tie in the eighth inning with a run-scoring single up the middle.

Greg Dowling then cleaned things up with his second consecutive homer,

taking the Eagles to the ninth with an 11-7 lead.

With Everett Teaford's 11-7 win, he leads the Eagle's rotation with an impressive 4-1 record.

Game three, however, didn't quite work out as the Eagles had planned. Coming of a two-game winning streak the only thing that Georgia Southern had in mind was a sweep.

The Eagles' bats struggled along with Dustin Evans' pitching.

Flint Wipke had an RBI-triple in the second. Brandon Ponder followed with an RBI-single that brought Georgia Southern to an early 3-0 lead, but that lead was not lasting long.

By the fourth the Mountaineers had tied it up, and in the fifth, Appalachian State scored three more off Evans. The Eagles brought in senior reliever Mike Thompson, who did not manage much better.

Seeing more trouble in the sixth, a single and a double off Jared Comstock brought in one more run for the

Mountaineers.

The Eagles threatened in the bottom of the sixth, loading the bases, but stranding all the runners.

Georgia Southern saw some light in the seventh when a triple from junior James Payne brought a run across the plate. A sacrifice fly by Greg Dowling brought in another, cutting the Eagles' deficit to 7-5.

A one-two-three inning by both teams brought the game into the ninth.

With the Eagles' last chance to win, shortstop Logan Phillips knocked a double to rally the troops. Then a clutch line shot over the centerfielder's head by Brandon Long brought home Phillips. However, a fly out by Dowling ended the game for the disappointed crowd with a final 7-6 loss.

Georgia Southern will return to action with another three-game series at home against East Tennessee State, starting on Friday at 4 p.m. in J.I. Clements Stadium.

## RETURNING TO BEAUTIFUL EAGLE CREEK



LaVene Bell/STAFF

Fullback Jermaine Austin (6), the reigning Southern Conference Offensive Player of the Year, will help guide the Georgia Southern football team into the spring practice period. Practice started on Monday, and will end with the annual Blue-White Game on April 10.

## Spring practice begins early for Eagle football

### GSU Athletic Media Relations

Six-time NCAA Division I-AA National Champion Georgia Southern officially opened the 2004 spring practice period with its initial workout Monday afternoon at the Eagle Practice Complex.

Third-year head coach Mike Sewak, who led the Eagles to a 7-4 mark last season and an 18-7 overall record since 2002, guided his 113-member squad through the first of 15 scheduled practice sessions which will culminate with the playing of the Blue-White Spring Game April 10 at Allen E. Paulson Stadium.

"We've had a fantastic work ethic during the off-season and I can't wait to get started again," said Sewak. "It has been a total team effort thus far and I have no reason to think it won't carry over into the spring. This is the next step. We have a lot of work to do, but there's no doubt we are all on the same page and know what we have to accomplish."

The Eagles return all 11 starters on offense, nine on the defensive side of the ball and welcome back a total of 53 lettermen. Sewak's primary goal during the spring workouts will be the development of a new-look defensive unit and to fill voids at the linebacking and cornerback positions.

"I'd say our top priority this spring is the development of our new defense," Sewak said. "It will be an 'over-under' look which will offer us a true 4-3 base set. I also want to build depth on the offensive line and I can't wait to see our young skill guys progress on both sides of the ball."

In addition to the return of skill performers fullback Jermaine Austin, quarterback Chaz Williams, slotbacks Kevin Davis and Kevin

Anderson along with receivers Teddy Craft and P.J. Cantrell, Georgia Southern also welcomes back all five starters on the offensive line who were instrumental in leading the Eagles to a No. 1 national rank in rushing offense with a 335.6 yards per game average. As a sophomore, Austin earned Southern Conference Offensive Player-of-Year and All-America honors after rushing for 1,461 yards. Williams, who missed three games because of a knee injury last season, still ran for 484 yards and scored a team-high nine touchdowns while posting both 100-yard rushing games after his return to the lineup.

A pair of All-SoCon performers, senior linebacker Derrick Butler and senior tackle Eric Hadley, are expected to key an Eagle defensive unit which ranked sixth among SoCon teams in three of the four major categories last year - rush defense (171.7 ypg), pass defense (178.7 ypg) and total defense (350.5 ypg). In addition to Butler and Hadley, Georgia Southern also returns tackles Victor Cabral and Eric McIntire, end Shaheen Solomon, linebacker Eric White, cornerback Terence McBride and safeties James Young and Tariq Muhammad.

The Eagles will work four consecutive days to open spring camp before taking a full week off for Spring Break. Georgia Southern will return to its traditional Monday, Wednesday and Friday schedule beginning March 22 and has scrimmages scheduled for Saturday, March 27 and April 3 at Paulson Stadium prior to the playing of the annual spring game. After planning on spending its first week in shorts and shells, Sewak indicated that GSU would conduct its first full-pad workout Monday, March 22.

## Eagle golf finishes fifth at Puerto Rico tournament

### Preparations begin for Schenkel Invitational at Forest Heights

#### GSU Athletic Media Relations

SAN JUAN, P.R. - The Georgia Southern men's golf team recorded an overall fifth-place finish at the Hyatt/Dorado Beach Intercollegiate but turned in the tournament's second-best score over the final two rounds with a three-over par 579.

The Eagles finished with an 890 team total and fired a third round 290 to finish 22 strokes behind tourney champion Baylor (868) and 13 shots behind runner-up Kentucky (877) Tuesday.

"We didn't play well the first day but we bounced back and put two solid rounds together after that," said head coach Larry Mays. "The wind and our month-long layoff was probably a little too much to handle at the start but I was happy to see us settle down and play well from there."

Sophomore Jon David Kennedy posted a team tournament low one-over par 217 (72-73-72) and finished among the top 15 individuals. Aron Price, a junior from Sydney, Australia, finished in the top 20 with a 219 (78-71-70) despite playing the final two rounds in pain after stepping on a sea urchin after Sunday's play. Brian Jones finished with a 225 (80-71-74), followed by Kurth Watkins who scored a 230 (81-75-74) and Toshi Hirata who carded a 236 (82-74-80).

## UNCG hoops coach reprimanded by SoCon

### Special to the G-A

SPARTANBURG, S.C. - The Southern Conference issued a public reprimand Tuesday to UNC Greensboro Men's Basketball Head Coach Fran McCaffery for verbally abusing game officials following the Spartans' loss against Wofford College in the first round of the Southern Conference Men's Basketball Tournament on March 3 in North Charleston, S.C.



GSU Athletic Media Relations

Sophomore Jon David Kennedy was the Eagles' top individual golfer at the Hyatt/Dorado Beach Intercollegiate with a one-under par total score of 217.

GSU will now prepare to compete at the prestigious Schenkel E-Z-GO Invitational at Statesboro's Forest Heights Country Club March 20-21. The Eagles will be one of 15 teams in the field, all of which qualified for NCAA Regional or Championship play last spring.

The Hyatt/Dorado Beach Intercollegiate, which was played at the par-72, 6,980-yard Dorado Beach Golf Club, marked the second tournament of the spring for the Eagles, who finished the fall ranked in the nation's top-25 in all four collegiate golf polls.

"This kind of action directed towards game officials will not be tolerated in the Southern Conference," said Commissioner Danny Morrison. "The Southern Conference is proud of its heritage of sportsmanship and embraces the ideals of collegiality and mutual respect within intercollegiate athletics. Everyone associated with the Conference must participate in promoting these values. Unfortunately, Coach McCaffery failed to do so in this instance."

## Ray named director of athletic marketing

### Former media relations assistant had been serving as interim director since January

#### GSU Athletic Media Relations

Ricky Ray has been named director of athletic marketing at Georgia Southern University according to an announcement from athletics director Sam Baker Tuesday.

Ray, who has served as acting director of marketing since December, replaces Cicely Johnson who resigned to pursue other interests.

"I know Ricky will provide exemplary leadership and unmatched creativity to our marketing efforts," said Baker. "In addition to his experiences working with all facets of a successful minor league baseball organization, his efforts and contributions while working in our media relations office exemplify and forecast success in his professional development."

Prior to his move to head GSU's marketing efforts, Ray served as an assistant director in the Eagle Athletic Media Relations Office where, in addition to serving as a primary publicist for the women's basketball, baseball, men's soccer and golf programs, he also handled content development for Georgia Southern's Official Athletic Website.

Ray also assisted in all football game-day operations and provided ancillary coverage for the Georgia Southern Sports Network as a host and color analyst for women's basketball and baseball.

Before his arrival at GSU as an intern in 2001, Ray spent four years at alma mater Campbell (N.C.) University as a student sports information and broadcast assistant where he handled radio play-by-play and color duties for the men's and women's basketball, baseball and softball programs.

He also spent two seasons as the color commentator for the five-station Carolina Mudcats Radio Network in his hometown of Zebulon, N.C. Ray also assisted the media relations office and authored a weekly column while working for the Colorado Rockies' Class-AA affiliate. In 1998, Ray was the director of media relations for the Rocky Mount Rockfish, a collegiate summer baseball league.

Ray graduated from Campbell in 2001 with a bachelor of arts degree in mass communications with an emphasis in broadcast performance.



Ray

## SOUTHERN CONFERENCE UPDATE

BASEBALL

TEAM	CONFERENCE			OVERALL		
	W	L	PCT.	W	L	PCT.
Davidson	2	0	1.00	5	3	.625
Elon	3	0	1.00	6	6	.500
Ga. Southern	2	1	.667	7	10	.412
Appalachian St.	1	5	.167	1	11	.083
UNC Greensboro	0	0	.000	10	1	.909
Wofford	0	0	.000	5	1	.833
Charleston	0	0	.000	9	4	.692
W. Carolina	0	2	.000	7	6	.538
E. Tennessee St.	0	0	.000	7	8	.467
The Citadel	0	0	.000	5	7	.417
Furman	0	0	.000	3	8	.273

SOFTBALL

TEAM	CONFERENCE			OVERALL		
	W	L	PCT.	W	L	PCT.
UNC Greensboro	0	0	.000	12	4	.750
*Elon	0	0	.000	12	4	.735
Charleston	0	0	.000	12	7	.632
Ga. Southern	0	0	.000	8	6	.571
Chattanooga	0	0	.000	15	13	.536
E. Tennessee St.	0	0	.000	8	11	.421
Appalachian St.	0	0	.000	6	9	.400
Furman	0	0	.000	2	18	.100

*\*Elon also has one tied game*

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STATISTICAL LEADERS						STATISTICAL LEADERS					
<b>Batting:</b> Zach Pittman, WOF, .467 GSU Leader: Greg Dowling, .377						<b>Batting:</b> Amanda Cone, COFC, .446 GSU Leader: Aurora Johnson, .432					
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<b>Home Runs:</b> Greg Dowling, GSU, 6 GSU Leader: Grant Burruss, 5 (2nd)						<b>Home Runs:</b> Christina Melton, ELON, 5 GSU Leader: 4 players with, 1					
<b>Stolen Bases:</b> Andy Howdeshell, ETSU, 9 GSU Leader: J. Payne & B. Burnsed, 5						<b>Stolen Bases:</b> LaKerah Barr, FUR, 13 GSU Leader: Shanita Black, 2					
<b>Pitching:</b> 9 players with, 0.00 GSU Leader: John Carroll, 2.53						<b>Pitching:</b> Cary Moore, GSU, 0.84 GSU Leader: Tiffany Urena, 1.14 (2nd)					
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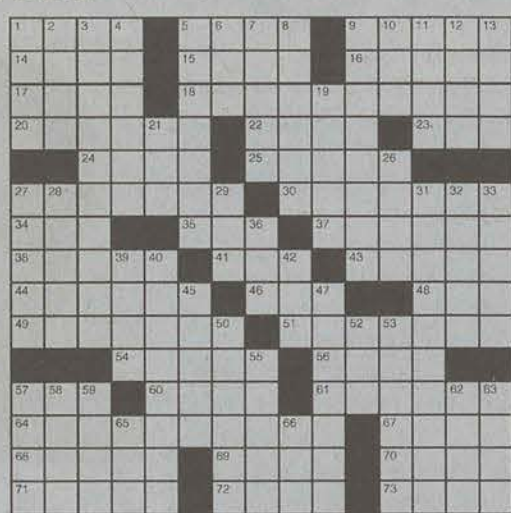


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## Crossword

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1 Narrow-waisted slinger  
5 Rotating parts  
9 Bombs  
14 Operatic tune  
15 "The African Queen" screenwriter  
16 Bus itinerary  
17 Immediately following  
18 "Imagine" singer  
20 Skin art  
22 Hard work  
23 Well-suited  
24 Loud cry  
25 Believing  
27 Wrongdoing  
30 Object valued for its age  
34 Inseparable  
35 Beaver project  
37 Rigged events  
38 Spelunker's milieu  
41 Fluffy scarf  
43 Swedish autos  
44 Make obeisance  
46 On its last legs  
48 Sturgeon eggs  
49 Mack of  
51 Before sunrise  
54 Orbital periods  
56 Prayer finish  
57 Rwy. stop  
60 Work with needles  
61 Chinese soup  
64 Catcher's error  
67 Duration  
68 Nabisco treats  
69 Skin soother  
70 From square one  
71 Prosit, e.g.  
72 X-ray shielding  
73 Fast period

DOWN  
1 Privation  
2 District  
3 LXVII  
4 Tapped gently  
5 Sweet-talk  
6 Back in time  
7 Conductor Zubin  
8 Lady of Spain  
9 High-ranking clergy  
10 Long time  
11 Moon goddess  
12 Roof with removable panels  
13 Mailed  
19 Serengeti cats  
21 Grand Opry  
25 Comic Rudner  
27 Ridicules  
28 Asinine  
29 Just a touch  
31 Enforced isolation  
32 Violin stroke  
33 City on the Ruhr  
36 Bossy bellow  
39 Start of a counting-out rhyme  
40 Most satiny  
42 Swiss peak  
45 Tolerate  
47 Spoke with drawn-out vowels  
50 Of primitives  
52 Comic Phillips  
53 Of teeth  
55 Lacking originality  
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59 Cruising  
62 Broken mirror, for example  
63 Salamander  
65 Help!  
66 Mauna



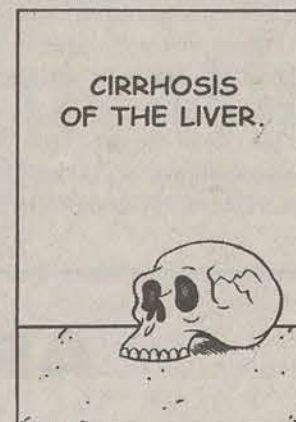
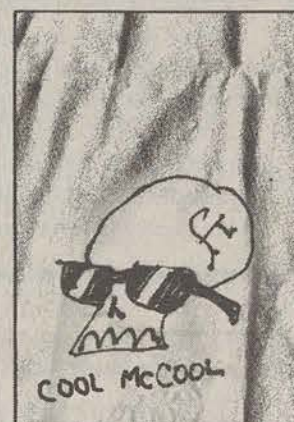
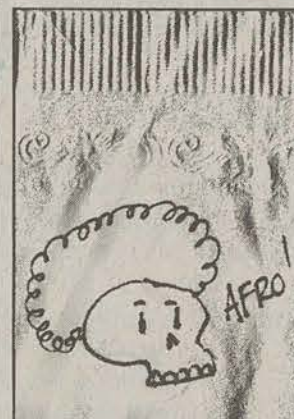
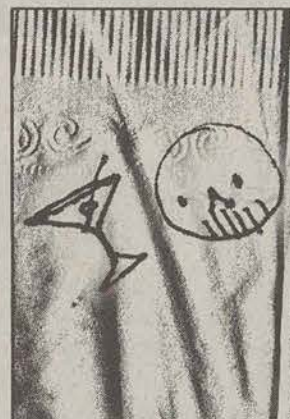
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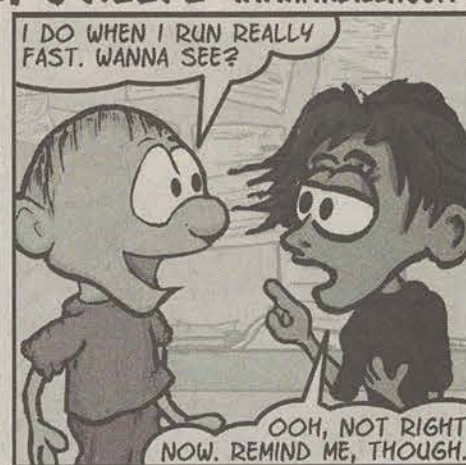
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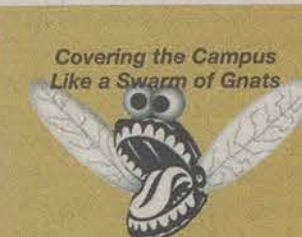
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**FREEBIE INFO ALL FREE** student and faculty ads to be run in the George-Anne must have a **NAME, P.O. BOX AND PHONE NUMBER.** Ads will be rejected if they do not have this information. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

### 20 Announcements

**INTERNATIONAL WEEK** talent show auditions will be held Wednesday, March 10, and Thursday, March 11 in the Union, room 2042. 8-10 p.m.

**FEELING SAD** blue because no one attends your club meetings? Put an announcement in **The George-Anne** classified section and fill those empty seats! Just **Rip Us Off**, it's free!

**SUBLEASE NEEDED:** Girls only. Sterling Apt. Bedroom with private bath. May through August 2004. Good roommates. \$300/month. Call Stephanie 678-687-3705.

**HAVE A** special friend or significant other with an upcoming birthday? Show your love by announcing to the world that it's their birthday! Place an ad in the G-A today.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

On October 22, 1997, WVGS/FM was granted a license by the Federal Communications Commission to serve the public interest until April 1, 2004.

Our license will expire April 1, 2004. We have filed an application for license renewal with the FCC.

A copy of this application is available for public inspection during our regular business hours. It contains information concerning the station's performance during the last seven years.

Individuals who wish to advise the FCC of facts relating to our renewal application and to whether this station has operated in the public interest should file comments and petitions with the Commission by March 1, 2004.

Further information concerning the Commission's broadcast license renewal is available at the WVGS/FM Studios, F.I. Williams Center, Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, Georgia, or may be obtained from the FCC, Washington, DC 20554.

**WE LOVE** our new members! Congratulations to Emille Watson, Kristen Waters and Kate Murr. ASLF, The Sisters of AOII.

**HAPPY 20TH** Birthday Kyle! From, All of us.

**FOR SALE** 8ft. pool table with two sticks, 8-ball rack, regular pool rack, chalk and brush for \$500. Pool table is in excellent condition. Contact Solomon at 912-541-6110.

### 40 Autos for Sale

**93 MAZDA** MX-6. Needs some transmission work, but still runs around town. \$1500 obo. 489-3365.

**NISSAN MAXIMA** SE90, beige, good condition, low miles. New transmission, tires, brakes, battery, struts, alternator, muffler, power package. \$3500, obo. Call 681-5886 or 681-8808.

**JUST GOT** a new car, need to sell your old one? Place and ad in **The George-Anne** and 15,000 people are going to read about it.

**1990 MAZDA** 626, automatic, 4-door, power windows, power doors, cruise control, AM/FM Cassette, sun roof. Price to sell: \$1500. Call 531-1473 or 681-5886.

**1997 MITSUBISHI** Galant ES. Maroon, 4 doors, 76k miles, great condition. \$5,000 obo. Please call 912-541-4494.

**'99 CHEVY** Blazer, 70k miles, 4dr, 2wd, black, excellent condition. Loaded/cloth. \$8,000 obo, call 682-2116. Seller is in Statesboro.

**1991 TOYOTA** Camry, automatic, 4-door, power windows, power doors, AM/FM cassette, price to sell: \$1600. Call 531-1473 or 681-5888.

### 55 Books — Swap or Sell

**NEED TO** sell old books? Buy new ones? Place an ad in **The George-Anne** and take care of the book situation. Stop by the Williams Center, room 2023 for details.

### 60 Business Opportunities

**SPECIAL REMINDER:** time spent at the career center is inversely proportionate to the time spent living in your parent's basement. To learn more, call 681-5197 today!

### 70 Child Care

**NEED A** babysitter? Place an ad in **The George-Anne** classified section, and we promise, one of the 16,000 students on this campus will respond.

### 80 Computers & Software

**LAPTOP COMPUTER** with speakers, mouse and carrying bag. \$100 obo. 489-3365.

**COMPUTER FOR SALE.** Dell Pentium 4, 2.4 GHz, 256 RAM, 60 GB hard drive, DVD, CD-RW, Zip, Floppy Drives. Windows XP and other installed software. 1 year old. \$500 obo. Call Darren 681-7014.

### 90 Education

**FUN & STUFF** Visit our Web site for list of things to do that are educational and fun. On-line at <http://www.stp.gasou.edu/funstuff/>

### 120 Furniture & Appliances

**BEDROOM FURNITURE** for sale. Two nightstands, dresser, mirror and headboard. Quality stuff. \$250 obo. Call Jonathan 404-247-8387.

### 140 Help Wanted

**AMERICA READS** needs your help! If you enjoy helping children and are work-study eligible, please call Mary Woods in the Educational Opportunities Program for details.

**SUMMER INTERNSHIP** — Excellent Advertising, Sales and Marketing opportunity. Earn \$3000 to \$7000 ++ and

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### 150 Lost & Found

**LOST ENGAGEMENT** ring in the Hollis women's bathroom around noon on March 3, 2004. Reward if found. Call Desiree at 912-541-4445.

**LOST BINDER**, black with the word "Brilliant" on the spine. Reward if found. Please call Sandra @ 688-7064.

### 160 Miscellaneous for Sale

**FORMAL DRESS** for sale. Paid \$140, asking \$90 obo. Worn only once. For more information call 681-8251.

**SONY EXPLODE** in-dash TV and DVD player, motorized screen. \$700. Call 706-231-7580.

**SELLING 8FT** pool table for \$600. Includes 9-ball rack, 8-ball rack, two sticks, and brush to clean table. Excellent condition. Call 912-541-6110.

**WOMEN'S FOSSIL** watch-NEW-silver band with blue face. Asking \$45. Call 770-584-4373.

**APR DRAG** wing, universal fit, brand new. \$300. Silver 16" Rage rims and tires, good condition. \$250. Call 681-6106.

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**NEED TO** sell something...anything? Put it in **The George-Anne's** classified section. One man's trash is another man's treasure.

### 180 Musical

**STUDENT(S) MAJORING** in Music Performance, preferably string ensemble, needed to perform at small, intimate wedding ceremony May 28, evening. Call 681-5373 for information.

### 220 Rentals & Real Estate

**NEED TO** sublease your apartment? Advertise on Off-Campus Housing Office website. Sublease forms available in Russell Union 2022.

**SUMMER SUBLEASE.** May 2/August. 2 people needed. Unfurnished Apt. Private room/bathroom. Bermuda Run \$295 plus utilities. Call 681-3185.

**6BR5BATH** available Aug. 1, next to Holiday Inn Express — Loaded — no pets. 682-7468 or 764-6076

**PLEASE SUBLEASE** St. James Place. One bedroom. Rent \$325 with water included. Contact Teresa at 478-320-7753. Months available are June and July. May if needed.

**APT. FOR** rent, 1/2 off first month rent. Available now till end of summer. 2 bed 2 bath, \$250 per person. Call Whit at 489-2049.

**BRAND NEW** home for rent. 3 bed/2 bath. All new appliances (including washer/dryer, dishwasher, microwave.) Close to GSU. DSL & cable ready. Available August 1. \$900 per month. Call 682-4730. Don't miss out!

**SUBLEASE SUMMER** 2004, May-August. Furnished Apt. Private room/bathroom. \$335, utilities and cable included. Call 843-345-7914.

**SUMMER SUBLEASE** at the Woodlands, \$250/mo. plus utilities. Pet friendly and close to campus. Move-in 5/3/04, lease ends 7/25/04. Call 681-1694.

**VERY NICE** three bedroom house available for sublease in May. Lease runs out July 31st or can be renewed until July 31st, 2005. Call 541-1873.

**TIERED OF ROOMMATES?** Want your own apartment? \$265+ flexible leases — Quiet Environment. Also, 2 + 3 BR Houses

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### ATTENTION STUDENTS: Please read Hood's Website: DIRTYBANKING.COM

**RENTAL APARTMENT** now available. Park Place 133. Two bedroom/two bath, fully carpeted, all major appliances included, repainted, wallpapered less than two years ago. Very nice. \$450/mth with \$250 security deposit. (912) 764-5130 Randy.

**SUBLEASE NEEDED** for May through August. Two bedroom, one bathroom for one person. \$375 month. Some pets welcome. Call 681-6773.

**"LOOKING FOR** a house to rent next year?" We have 5 houses located in Sherwood Forest and University Place available in August 2004. Call 912-690-2698 or visit [www.wildoakinvestments.com](http://www.wildoakinvestments.com) for details.

### 230 Roommates

**1 OR 2** rooms available @ Statesboro Place. \$355 all-inclusive rent. Includes internet, cable, W/D, and full kitchen. Call Chris @ (770) 714-9570.

**FEMALE ROOMMATE** needed for Fall '04. \$235 a month plus 1/2 utilities. \$200 deposit. Call 541-6933 for more info. Thanks

**NEED A** roommate? Advertise on Off-Campus Housing Website. Roommate forms available in Russell Union 2022.

**FEMALE ROOMMATE** wanted. Room available May 1. House is off campus. \$325/month. Includes utilities. Call Angie, 690-2495.

**STILL TRYING** to figure out a way to fill that empty bedroom? Place an ad in **The George-Anne** and find a roommate in no time.

### 240 Services

**ADOPT A** pet and save a life. Bulloch County Animal Shelter, visit 301 North Statesboro or [www.adoptionfairy@petfinder.com](http://www.adoptionfairy@petfinder.com).

### 260 Stereo & Sounds

**TWO SPEAKER** boxes for sale. Each holds two 12" speakers. Boxes are perfect for a full size truck. Each measures 50.6 inches wide and 17 inches tall. Not carpeted. \$60 each. Call 912-489-2932.

### 280 Television & Radio

**16 INCH** TV with remote. Excellent condition. \$50 obo. 489-3365.

### 290 Travel

**GEORGIA SOUTHERN** East Coast Surfers, interested in taking a Spring Break trip to Florida call Turner 489-4957.

**FUN & STUFF** Visit our Web site for list of places to visit and things to do that are both educational and fun. On-line at <http://www.stp.gasou.edu/funstuff/>

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World Famous Tiki Bar  
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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** at the Bulloch County Animal Shelter. [www.adoptionfairy@petfinder.com](http://www.adoptionfairy@petfinder.com).

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## Princeton professor, author Robert Dranton speaks at College of Education

By Maria Folsom  
miamichelle2000@yahoo.com

Renowned cultural historian, author, and Princeton University professor Dr. Robert Dranton made an appearance Friday morning in the auditorium of the College of Education.

Sponsored by CLEC, the Henderson Library, and the Department of History, Dranton's lecture was attended by students, faculty, and staff.

Robert Dranton's appearance marked his first time at Georgia Southern.

The title of his speech was "Mademoiselle Bonafon and the Private Life of Louis XV: What the Butler Saw

and What the Public Read in the 18th Century."

The expert historian opened his speech with background information about 18th century France and much of its controversial, outlawed literature.

To further his explanation of the literary pieces in his speech, handouts featuring the literature to be discussed were given to the audience. Many of the publications were then considered racy and ahead of their time.

Dranton touched on the transition from oral communication to print in literature. Just like today, some materials were labeled as obscene. Anyone in possession of these books were arrested and interrogated by au-

thorities, limiting freedom of press and free speech.

Dranton felt as though an important example of talk translated in to text was a work entitled *Tanastés* by Marie Madeleine Joseph Bonafon, a chambermaid. To the surprise of the authorities, the writings were traced back to her, dispelling many preconceived notions about the working-class, women, and education. Eventually, Bonafon's works included several poems and three unpublished plays.

One of Dr. Dranton's fields of research includes his studies of what people read and the media's influences on political attitudes. Even though much of his studies relate

to past events, some members of his audience could see the relationship in now and then.

"It was ironic that a lot of the censorship and what was considered obscene back then is still going on now," said attendant Brandy Ellison, a junior Marketing major.

Some of the materials presented to the audience were presented in French with English translations, making the subject more simplified and easier to follow. "He did a great job of simplifying a topic that is very in-depth and sophisticated," added Ellison.

Dr. Dranton has been the recipient of the MacArthur Prize, a grant given in any field in which outstanding contributions to human knowledge and

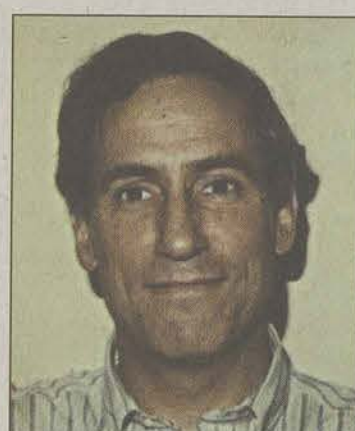
culture are recognized.

Other accomplishments include the 1996 National Book Critics Circle Award, a 1984 *Los Angeles Times* Book Prize, and an array of honorary doctorates.

The Harvard and Oxford-educated Dranton has written several historical books, with the topics ranging from people in history to politics.

His works include "The Forbidden Best-Sellers of the Pre-Revolutionary France," "The Berlin Journal 1989-1990," and "The Great Cat Massacre and Other Episodes in French Cultural History."

After Dr. Dranton's lecture, he met with those interested for further discussion.



Special Photo

Robert Dranton spoke Friday to a group at the College of Education. He is the recipient of many awards for his works.

## Bulloch County Commissioner, GSU retiree, Gordon Alston dies from heart attack

By Natalie Gazaway  
ngazaway@hotmail.com

Former GSU Financial Aid Assistant Director, Gordon Alston, died unexpectedly from a heart attack last Sunday.

The memorial service was held 11 a.m. Friday at Brannen Chapel United Methodist Church.

Connie Murphy, director of financial aid, and former co-worker, said so many people came to show their respects that some couldn't even find a chair. The church was packed with family, friends, and co-workers. People were lined up against the wall to pay their last respects to Alston.

Alston also served as Bulloch County Commissioner for more than 20 years and never hesitated to volunteer his time at the church. He taught Sunday school and was an active member of the men's chorus. He was also a member of the Board of Trustees and school superintendent. In 1983, he became the first African American commissioner on the Bulloch County governing board after a suit was filed in the early 80s against the members of the Board of Commissioners. Since then Alston won every election in which he ran.

He worked with Georgia South-

ern for over 28 years, where he spent his days helping others at the Financial Aid office. He started as a counselor and moved up to Assistant Director. Murphy said Alston was loved by all students. He was so generous and kind and always willing to go out of his way to do whatever he could.

"I worked with Gordon for 11 years. He was such a kind and giving person. He always made people feel comfortable and at home immediately," said Murphy. "Every time new people came in the office, he always made them feel welcome," she said.

Alston worked a lot with the athletics department, helping out with NCAA regulations. He was excellent at what he did, and the department raved about him. Some of the athletes came to know him very well and were extremely close to him.

Alston was a great citizen of Bulloch County, and everyone respected and admired him. He was the kind of person who was dedicated to his work, his students, and his friends. His reliability and determination made him an all-around person and a well-liked man.

Alston will be greatly missed by Bulloch County and all those who were lucky enough to know him.

## 2000 recount on the minds of Kerry supporters

By KEN THOMAS

HOLLYWOOD, Fla. - The 2000 recount may be history for some voters, but for Nancy Genevive the 36-day struggle still brings to mind two words: stolen election.

So when the Coral Springs artist tossed presumptive Democratic nominee John Kerry a question Monday about his plans to challenge President Bush, she summed it up this way, "What can we do to prevent him from stealing the election again?"

Kerry encountered Floridians still sore about the disputed election at a town hall meeting with about 500 supporters in Broward County, a Democratic bastion with serious voting irregularities in 2000. Bush defeated Democrat Al Gore by 537 votes in Florida after the U.S. Supreme Court stopped a state recount.

Kerry said he would assemble a legal team to guard against any irregularities in Florida this fall, focusing on problematic precincts and seeking injunctions where necessary to guarantee voting rights.

Kerry spent the day in Florida, meeting with fund-raisers over breakfast in Hollywood, stopping at a Delray Beach deli for lunch and greeting voters at rallies in West Palm Beach and Tampa. Outside the library in downtown West Palm Beach, Kerry noted that it would serve as a polling place.

In Tallahassee, a Catholic based peace organization called Monday for international observers in November. Dave Robinson, Washington-based national coordinator of Pax Christi USA, said the group will help monitor the general election by assigning volunteers to poll sites, especially in Broward, Duval, Miami-Dade and Palm Beach counties - the main trouble spots in 2000.

U.S. Rep. Robert Wexler, D-Boca Raton, meanwhile, said he was filing a federal lawsuit over the lack of a

paper ballot connected to electronic voting machines.

Gov. Jeb Bush, the president's brother, called it "an organized effort to try to create doubt about our election system." He called that the state's elections laws, implemented following the 2000 race, "models for the rest of the nation."

In Tampa, a crowd of about 1,000 was drawn to the Ybor City night club district for an evening rally for Kerry.

Along with a spattering of anti-Bush protest signs, some Vietnam veterans held anti-Kerry signs.

Ray Calafell, an attorney who served in Vietnam in 1970, said he won't forgive Kerry for aligning himself with Jane Fonda as an anti-war protester or for comments the then-young leader of Vietnam Veterans Against the War made about others still serving.

But, largely, the Ybor City rally took on a party atmosphere, with music blaring into the chilly, crowded evening streets. "This is a rally for everybody," said U.S. Rep. Jim Davis, D-Tampa, one of the dignitaries on hand to introduce Kerry. "This is a president for everybody."

Kerry was using the trip to appeal to Florida's sizable elderly population, criticizing the prescription drug package approved by Congress and vowing to safeguard Social Security. His visit came on the eve of the Florida presidential primary, a contest that no longer carries any weight but allows the Massachusetts senator to campaign in a battleground state.

Both parties expect a spirited battle for Florida's 27 electoral votes after Bush's narrowly decided election.

Broward County holds the state's largest concentration of Democratic voters, and party activists regularly point to the region as crucial for voter turnout. U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson, with Kerry in Broward, noted he had a 200,000 vote advantage in Broward County in 2000.

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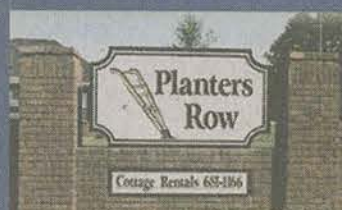


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